

PALOMAR AIRPORT ADVISORY COMMITTEE
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MINUTES

THURSDAY, July 21, 2005

Chairperson Ramona Finnila called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. on, July 21, 2005, in the Carlsbad City Council Chambers, 1200 Carlsbad Village Drive, Carlsbad, California.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Chairperson Ramona Finnila
Vice-Chairperson Tim Hutter
John Christensen
Chuck Collins
Bob Gates
Ginna Reyes
Tom Ricotta
Howard Williams

MEMBERS ABSENT

Bob Fuselier

Members present did represent a quorum.

COUNTY STAFF PRESENT

Pete Drinkwater
Olivier Brackett
Reggie Angquico
Steve Cummings

ROLL CALL AND INTRODUCTIONS

There were no introductions.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes for the month of June 2005 were amended to reflect the absence of Vice-Chairperson Tim Hutter.

PUBLIC COMMENT ON ITEMS NOT ON THE AGENDA

Mr. Rick Baker read a letter written to him by Chairperson Finnila in reply to his letter to the PAAC meeting of June 16, 2005 regarding Mr. Drinkwater's comment about pilots not following the voluntary noise abatement procedure. He pointed out that contrary to the letter, he was present and taking notes. Mr. Baker played an anonymous voicemail message from a resident complaining about a plane flying too low over their house.

Mr. Hutter questioned whether the Chairperson should write a response without the knowledge of the other Council members.

Ms. Finnila answered that it was common practice to do so and that it can be discussed at the next meeting.

Mr. Ralph Popelar stated that people fail to realize that there is more noise living near an airport than living out in the country. He also stated that there is a noise difference between different types of engines.

FLY FRIENDLY PROGRAM PROGRESS REPORT— G. Reyes

Ms. Finnila announced that the City of Carlsbad will support the Fly Friendly Program and has contributed \$1500. Mr. Hutter will write a thank you letter to the City of Carlsbad.

Ms. Reyes informed everyone that County Staff is working on the Pilot Outreach Program in designing posters, flyers and signs. The program will involve the Fixed Base Operators (FBO's), flight schools and other airport businesses at Palomar Airport in displaying posters and handing out flyers to local and transient pilots. The Community Outreach Program Sub-Committee met to draft a script to be used in presentations to local homeowner groups and on flyers for literature distribution. It is expected that there will be about 2 to 3 presentations a month to different homeowner associations. The same script will be used for press releases, mailers and handouts to be inserted in newsletters and bills. If budget permits, a Fly Friendly website may be established.

Mr. Gates suggested that the Committees should prepare a budget and present it to the PAAC for review and approval.

Mr. Cummings showed a PowerPoint presentation of the different Fly Friendly flyers. The PAAC members and the public gave their suggestions on the flyers verbiage and illustration.

PART 150 PRESENTATION BY URS— O. Brackett

Mr. Brackett stated that the Draft II Noise Compatibility Program was submitted to the FAA for a 60-day review, 71 days have now passed. As soon as the Draft II arrives, County Staff will review it and submit comments. It will then be presented to the PAAC members about three weeks ahead of time for review.

AIRPORT COMMUNITY RELATIONS— S. Cummings

Mr. Cummings reported monthly operations for June were 19,243, bringing the total number year to date to 104,171. Air carrier enplanement was 4,450. Annual air carrier enplanement year to date is 23,339. The local transient traffic breakdown for the month of June was 7,323, itinerant 11,920. IFR traffic 5,252 and VFR traffic 13,991. Noise concerns for the month of June totaled 221 calls. The number year to date is 679. Ratio of concerns to operations for the month of

June was one call and 118 operations. The majority of calls during the month of June were south/west from the airport. Of these calls 161 concerned jet operations, 37 concerned propeller operations and 23 concerned helicopter operations. Forty-three of the concerns were for operations between 0700-1700. There were 14 concerns for operations between 1700-2200 and there were 164 concerns for operations between 2200-0700.

STAFF REPORT — O. Brackett

Mr. Brackett announced that there would be a site survey for prospective contractors on July 22, 2005 to develop the North Side Ramp. The Premier Jet building is now 50% complete. The entrance sign at Palomar Airport is now blank and will be updated with current businesses on the airport. The Noise Officer contract position is now open for bids and will close on August 9, 2005. Vehicle gates are now upgraded to the wireless system and access to the gates can now be controlled from a centralized location

DIRECTOR'S REPORT – P. Drinkwater

Mr. Drinkwater praised the PAAC, County Staff and the public for their efforts in the Fly Friendly Program. Mr. Drinkwater stated that Gillespie Fields outreach program for pilots, flight schools and the public has reduced the amount of noise complaints, although the complaints are cyclical due to other problems like weather, new flying students and others. There is a possibility of using solar power runway lights on the North Side Ramp since there is not enough power in the electrical grid and this area is not used for commercial aircrafts.

Mr. Ricotta questioned the status of the ARFF vehicle.

Mr. Drinkwater replied that it has been purchased for \$602,000 and there will be a presentation at the next PAAC meeting.

Ms. Reyes ask about the Airport Managers position.

Mr. Drinkwater stated that the position is still vacant until further notice.

SET AGENDA FOR MEETING ON August 18, 2005

MEMBER ANNOUNCEMENTS

ADJOURN

Meeting was adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Ramona Finnilla, Chairperson